

IOWA RBA (319)338-9881 for 3/23/97

Birds Mentioned:

Iceland Gull
Snowy Owl
Snow Goose
PINYON JAY
Trumpeter Swan
Ross' Goose
Merlin

Welcome to the Birdline of the IOU for Sunday, March 23. This is the week's report, and the next week's report will be online Tuesday morning, April 1. To skip the recording and leave a message, just press the star at any time.

The week's highlights are ICELAND GULL in the southeast, SNOWY OWL in the northeast, and PINYON JAY in the central.

In the southeast in Marion County, a first year ICELAND GULL was found below the Red Rock Reservoir Dam on the 19th. On the 22nd, an immature TRUMPETER SWAN was seen on the south side of the Runnells Wildlife Area, specifically from 40th Avenue, east and north of Swan. In Louisa County, among the numerous waterfowl on the 20th, there were still four species of geese, including two ROSS' GEESE.

In the northeast in Bremer County, an adult SNOWY OWL was present near Readlyn all day on the 21st, but could not be relocated the next morning. The location is one mile east of the junction of county road V-49 and hiway 3, and then a hundred yards north along Sable Avenue. In Jones County, nine SNOW GEESE were at Muskrat Slough on the 20th.

In the central in Boone County, the immature PINYON JAY, first discovered November 30th, was still visiting the feeder of Lloyd and Gaylan Crim through the 17th. For updates and directions, you can call the Crims at (515)432-5026.

In the northwest in Emmet County, Dennis Henrickson reported a MERLIN in his farm grove near Estherville on the 20th.

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ON THE 3RD IN THE SE IN LOUISA COUNTY,
INTENSIVE SEARCHING FOR SMITH'S LONGSPANS
IN THE COWE MARSH AREA; PRODUCED ONLY 1
SMALL FLOCK OF ABOUT 30 BIRDS ALONG 22ND
STREET, 10.9 MILES WEST OF COWESVILLE,
AND AT THE SW CORNER OF THE MARSH 2
ETSP WERE SEEN @ 22ND STREET AND U AVENUE

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ON THE 4TH
IN THE CENTRAL IN GREENE COUNTY, ROB THALEN
HAD A NODD AND A SPTO IN THE SAME TREE
AT DUNBAR SLough. THERE WERE ALSO 6 TURKS
THERE. FOR MORE INFO CALL ROB AT (712) 792-1793

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ON THE 5TH IN THE SE IN MAHASKA COUNTY,
THERE WERE 4 SPECIES OF GOOSE, INCLUDING A
ROSS' AT NASKUNKY MARSH, ALONG HIGHWAY 92
6 MILES EAST OF OSKALOOSA. In Johnson County,
A NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD WAS AROUND A POND AT THE
END OF SOUTH RIDGE DRIVE IN CORALVILLE AND A
SANDHILL CRANE WAS ON THE ^{NORTH SIDE OF THE} HAWKEYE WILDLIFE
AREA, ^{NEAR THE SHOOTING RANGE} ALONG THE AMARA ROAD. A MILE AND 3/4 WEST
OF HIGHWAY 965.

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Birds Mentioned:

Common Snipe
Pectoral Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
American Golden Plover
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Towhee
Winter Wren
Cinnamon Teal
Smith's Longspur
PINYON JAY (Gone)
Trumpeter Swan
Sandhill Crane
Ross' Goose
Great-tailed Grackle
Common Loon
Golden Eagle
Carolina Wren
Red-tailed Hawk (Albino)
American White Pelican
Eurasian Tree Sparrow

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In the central in Marion County on the 31st, a drake CINNAMON TEAL was on the small pond a quarter mile east of the village of Swan, and two miles east of Swan, a TRUMPETER SWAN was seen on the 23rd. In Polk County, a SANDHILL CRANE was west of Big Creek State Park at waterfowl breeder, Bill Saxie's place along West Madrid Drive between 140th and 146th Streets on the 25th. In Hardin County, seven ROSS' GEESE were on a gravel pit along hiway 175 west of Hubbard on the 22nd. GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were reported from Greene County, where 17 were present at Dunbar Slough on the 30th, and in Boone County at Harrier Marsh south of Ogden on the 31st.

In the northwest in Sac County, a SMITH'S LONGSPUR was spotted at the east end of Tomahawk Marsh north of Lake View, on the 28th, and two COMMON LOONS, a BONAPARTE'S GULL, and three FRANKLIN'S GULLS were at Black Hawk Lake on the 28th. In Calhoun County, two GREAT-TAILED GRACKLES were at South Twin Lake on the 28th. In Clay County, three TRUMPETER SWANS were at the north end of

Dan Green Slough on the 22nd.

In the northeast in Butler County, there were 24 waterfowl species at Big Marsh on the 22nd, and they included nine ROSS' GEESE and two unmarked TRUMPETER SWANS. There was also an immature GOLDEN EAGLE there.

In the southeast, CAROLINA WRENS were reported in Lee County at the Croton unit of Shimek State Forest on the 29th, and in Johnson County in Ken Lowder's yard north of Iowa City, on the 28th. Also in Johnson County, an albino RED-TAILED HAWK has been seen north of Iowa City three previous years, and was spotted again on the 26th along Quincy Road about three miles north of Newport Road, which runs west from hiway 1 about four miles north of Iowa City. In Louisa County, about a hundred WHITE PELICANS were at Cone Marsh on the 28th. In Muscatine County, one of the locations in southeast Iowa for EURASIAN TREE SPARROW produced 20-30 birds on the 29th, southwest of Muscatine along Sampson Road a half mile west of hiway 61.

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